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Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary came to the tomb.

People: We come in the quiet, seeking hope in the shadows.

Leader: The stone was rolled away; the grave could not hold Him.

People: Christ is risen! The darkness has been overcome.

Leader: "Woman, why are you weeping?" the risen Lord asked.

People: Our sorrow turns to joy; our tears to praise.

Leader: "Mary!" He called her by name, and she knew her Savior.

People: He calls us by name, and we recognize His voice.

Leader: Go and tell the good news: Jesus is alive!

People: We will go with joy—Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn *Awake, Awake*

Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18

20:1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 20:2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." 20:3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. 20:4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 20:5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 20:6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 20:7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 20:8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, 20:9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 20:10 Then the disciples returned to their homes. 20:11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, 20:12 and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 20:13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

20:14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 20:15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." 20:16 Jesus

said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). 20:17 Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" 20:18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Music *Glory to the Lamb*

Sermon "Tears and Holy Water" Jim Coyl

Pastoral Payer and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn *Ode to Joy*

Benediction

Easter Sunday Devotional - John 20:1-18

In the quiet of early morning, the Gospel of John tells us that Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb while it is still dark. She arrives carrying grief, confusion, and love—and leaves as the first witness to resurrection.

As scholar Karoline Lewis notes in her work on John, this passage is not just about the empty tomb; it is about recognition. Mary does not immediately know the risen Jesus. She mistakes him for the gardener. It is only when he speaks her name—"Mary"—that everything changes. Resurrection becomes real, personal, undeniable.

Easter reminds us that God's new life often meets us in the midst of our not-knowing. Like Mary, we may stand in places of loss or uncertainty, unable to see clearly what God is doing. Yet the risen Christ comes near, calling us by name, inviting us into relationship, not just belief.

"Do not hold on to me," Jesus says, urging Mary toward a faith that is not about clinging to what was, but proclaiming what is now. She goes and announces, "I have seen the Lord."

This is the heart of Easter: we are known, called, and sent.

In the light of resurrection, may we listen for Christ speaking our name—and go, with joy, to share the good news.

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday, April 06, 2026: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21; Colossians 3:5-11;

Tuesday, April 07, 2026: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Exodus 15:1-18; Colossians 3:12-17;

Wednesday, April 08, 2026: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Joshua 3:1-17; Matthew 28:1-10;

Thursday, April 09, 2026: Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 2:8-15; Colossians 4:2-5;

Friday, April 10, 2026: Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 5:9-6:3; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11;

Saturday, April 11, 2026: Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 8:6-7; John 20:11-20;